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Letter dated 8 October 1991 from the Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you a letter dated 2 October 1991 from His Excellency, Najibullah, President of the Republic of Afghanistan, addressed to you (see annex).

I have further the honour to request that the text of the present letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 29 and 68, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Khodaidad BASHARMAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Letter dated 2 October 1991 from the President of Afghanistan to the Secretary-General

This is to inform you that, in recent days, specially following the joint declaration made by the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics on Afghanistan, the extremist segment of the opposition forces, directly instigated, encouraged and supported by the Pakistani military circles, have intensified their fighting activities against the Republic of Afghanistan, particularly in areas bordering with Pakistan. I would like to bring to your attention that, during the recent days alone, thousands of long-distance heavy rocket shellings have been carried out by the opposition forces on Gardez, Laghman and Jalalabad cities.

From the reliable information we have received, it reveals that, during the last month, a huge quantity of weapons and ammunitions have been transported from the territory of Pakistan into Afghanistan through several convoys of vehicles. These shipments are being continued with an unprecedented pace. These and other related evidences are a testimony to the reality that the opposition groups, enjoying the direct support and cooperation of certain circles in Pakistan, have resorted to fresh adventurous acts that will lead to nothing but further killings of the people and the destruction of Afghanistan.

I deem it necessary here to draw your attention to the fact that the Government of the Republic of Afghanistan was the first party to the conflict which proclaimed its full support for your five-point proposal and the recent joint statement by the United States and the Soviet Union on Afghanistan. You may be aware that, recently, we have forwarded a new initiative, i.e., the launching of elections for the local councils, which will certainly serve as a prelude to the implementation of your proposals aimed at establishing a broad-based government in Afghanistan. This initiative, which is the subject of a separate letter to you, will also serve as an important step towards an intra-Afghan dialogue.

Regrettably, however, not only has the reaction of the opposition forces and their Pakistani patrons to your proposals, the United States-Soviet statement and our peace initiatives been abstract, vague and even obstructing, but they have revealed their intention for the continuation of war and a military solution by increasing the stockpiling of weapons and intensifying war and bloodshed.

As I have clearly stated in my previous letters, I once again underline the fact that the termination of the supply of weapons by the United States and the Soviet Union to the conflicting parties in Afghanistan can lead to the restoration of peace only when the arms supply by all the resources to all the warring factions is ended and, in order to attain that aim, an effective and practical monitoring mechanism is worked out under the auspices of or in close cooperation with the United Nations.

I would like to stress that the aforementioned acts of violence being perpetrated by the opposition forces and their Pakistani benefactors will further complicate the situation and will even lead to the impediment of the already fruitful efforts aimed at ending the war and ensuring peace in our country. At this sensitive juncture of the history of our country, we once again call upon you to pay due attention to the grave situation and the awful threats posed to our country and our region as a result of the reckless deeds of the Afghan opposition and the Pakistani authorities. We hope that you will take urgent action and make every effort so as to persuade Pakistan to put an immediate end to armed attacks on Afghanistan cities and terminate the arms shipments into the territory of Afghanistan.

NAJIBULLAH
President of the Republic
of Afghanistan